PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Chirag R. Patel MASAMICHI EBATA) Art Unit: 2141 Application No.: 10/642,731) Conf. No.: 3791 Filed: August 19, 2003 For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS CONNECTABLE TO PERIPHERAL DEVICE, CONTROLLING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE: STORAGE MEDIUM STORING CONTROL) PROGRAM THEREON April 29, 2008

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment and Requst for Continued Examination Transmittal (RCE) filed March 6, 2008, and pursuant to the telephone interview which took place between the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned attorney on April 15, 2008 and their subsequent email correspondence on April 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 12.

It is believed that no fee is due with this submission since the Amendment included a Request for a One-Month Extension of Time and a Request for Suspension of Action. However, if a fee is deemed to be due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.